(d) whether there is a proposal to upgrade Ahmedabad Regional Passport Office; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) and (b) Details of vacant posts at Regional Passport Office, Ahmedabad, are given in the Statement. (*See* below).

(c) Promotion to the posts of Superintendent, Assistant and UDC in the Central Passport Organisation including posts at Ahmedabad have been effected. Steps have also been taken to fill up the posts of LDCs.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

S. No	Post	Sanctioned strength	Occupancy	Vacancy
1	Passport Officer	1	—	– 1
2	Assistant Passport Officer	1	—	– 1
3	Public Relations Officer	3	1	– 2
4	Superintendent	3	6	+3
5	Assistant	10	15	+5
6	UDC	21	13	– 8
7	Steno	2	—	– 2
8	LDC	52	28	– 24
9	Driver	1	—	—1
10	Record Keeper	—	1	+1
11	Record Sorter	1	1	—
12	Daftary	1	1	
13	Peon	6	5	—
14	Watchman	1	—	– 1
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In addition, there are 24 Casual employees.

Electrification of Tenali-Repalle Railway Line

*213. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 12th February, 1994 the Minister of State for Railways had announced at Narsaraopet on South Central Railway to electrify the Tenali-Repalle railway route; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir. It was only announced that the proposal for electrification of Tenali-Repalle will be examined.

(b) On examination, it has been found that due to low traffic density, Tenali-Repalle section does not qualify for electrification, at peresent.

Calorific values of Fuels

*214. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether calorific values of coal, or other fuels are taken into consideration while determining purchase and sale prices of gas;

(b) if so, what are the details about equivalent calorific values of various fuels and their purchase and sale prices;

(c) why coal from Indian mines is not considered suitable or is considered inferior for generating power and preference is being made in favour of high cost gas; and

(d) whether Petroleum Ministry propose to discourage the use of high cost gas for power generation to make it available for more beneficial production purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) The allocation of gas is generally based on the Imputed Economic Values (IEVs). These are the values of gas so calculated that the cost of unit output in a gas based plant is equal to the cost of unit output in a plant based on alternative fuel/feedstock. Priority is given to the fertilizer, power and the steel sectors. The IEV is location specific and takes into account the calorific values of alternative fuels. The use of natural gas as against coal in the power sector becomes competitive only beyond a certain distance from the coal pitheads.

MRTPC inquiry report on BPCL and IOC

*214. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Hindustan Times dated the 7th February, 1994 captioned "BPCL (Bhart Petroleum Corporation Limited.) and IOC (Indian Oil Corporation) face MRTPC inquiry";

(b) if so, the details/nature of complaints received by Government; and

(c) what preventive measures have been taken by Government to check the evil trade practices as pointed out/observed the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission and action taken against the defaulters, if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Allegations have been made against IOC's LPG distributor M/s. Ashok Gas Agencies at Trivandrum for compelling the LPG customers to take delivery of refills from the godown at a rate higher than the refill selling price approved for the location. ICC has conducted an enquiry and found that the allegations were not true.

In another case BPCL has received a notice from MRTPC in respect of complaints against their dealer M/s. Pratap Singh & Sons, Kanpur, for over-charging a customer for a grease pack.

(c) Whenever any notice is received from MRTPC or any other agency, the complaint is investigated by the concerned Corporation and suitable action is taken to redress the grieveaces of the customers. Appropriate punitive action including termination is also taken against the erring dealers/distributors under the marketing Discipline guidelines. Oil company offi-